

(4) supports the goals of National Charter Schools Week, an event sponsored by charter schools and charter school organizations across the Nation and established to recognize the significant impacts, achievements, and innovations of the Nation's charter schools; and

(5) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to conduct appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities to demonstrate support for charter schools in communities throughout the Nation.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2003

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 30. I further ask consent that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business until 11 a.m., with the time equally divided between the two leaders or their designees, provided that at 11 a.m., the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 60, S. 196, the digital and wireless technology bill, as provided under the previous order.

I further ask consent that following the vote on S. 196, the Senate return to executive session to resume the consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Owen to be a circuit judge for the Fifth Circuit.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. For the information of all Senators, following morning business, the Senate will take up S.

196, the digital and wireless technology bill. Under the agreement, the Senate will vote on the measure at approximately 12 noon.

Upon the disposition of that bill, the Senate will resume consideration of the Owen nomination. The majority leader has asked me to announce that while he regrets being forced to file cloture on this important appeals court nomination, he believes it is vital that the Senate fulfill its advise and consent responsibility. With that being said, I inform my colleagues that the cloture vote on the Owen nomination will occur Thursday morning, and Members will be notified when the vote is scheduled.

I also announce to my colleagues that the majority leader is working with the Democratic leader to clear several items for floor action. The items under discussion include the State Department authorization bill, the bioshield bill, the FISA legislation, and several judicial nominations. Therefore, Members should anticipate additional votes during tomorrow's session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there was some discussion on the floor today that the minority would move to the nomination of Prado tomorrow. That is a debatable motion when we are in executive session. We have been in contact with the majority. In fact, the distinguished majority whip and I have been talking all afternoon to try to work something out. We understand the difficulty of our doing what we have said we would likely do. We acknowledge it is better that the majority sets the schedule. But there are times when we have to try to protect our rights.

I am the one who said I would do this at the first opportunity. I am not going to do that tomorrow until the ability

we have to work out a fair proposal on a number of circuit court judges is exhausted. We were very close to doing something on that tonight. I am confident the distinguished Senator from Kentucky and I can work something out tomorrow, with the consent of both of our caucuses.

So I just want to put everyone on notice that I am not going to move to Prado tomorrow and that we are going to try to work things out on our own, and that would be the most expeditious and, I am sure, best way to go. I am confident and hopeful we can do that.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I just add that the Senator from Nevada and I spent some considerable amount of time this afternoon trying to clear some additional votes for nominees for the circuit court, and we are going to continue that effort tomorrow in the hopes of reaching an agreement to dispose of some of these nominations that are going to be allowed to be voted on, on an up-or-down basis. We will continue that effort in the morning.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. McCONNELL. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:12 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, April 30, 2003, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate April 29, 2003:

THE JUDICIARY

JEFFREY S. SUTTON, OF OHIO, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT.